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WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING MARKED BY ENTHUSIASM FOR CLUB HOUSE

By WINIFRED BARNARD

Valentine's day will be remembered by club women of Torrance as being the date of a most delightful club meeting. Mrs. Isabelle Henderson was at her best, presenting her subject in a clear, concise, forceful manner. Mrs. Chas. H. Toll's address was replete with timely, helpful advice in regard to the Woman's club building. Dick Smith in his own quiet, pleasing way told of the origin and outlined the plans of the Progress club.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 by Mrs. J. A. Young, president. "America the Beautiful" was sung by all the members present. Mrs. Young announced the program to be given in the Methodist church on February 26 at 7:30 by the Occidental college glee club, under the auspices of the biennial committee. Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber made an announcement of the party she is giving at her home on the afternoon of February 21. A motion was made and carried to suspend all business and the reading of the minutes until the next meeting.

Mrs. Henderson Speaks
Mrs. Henderson began her talk by saying that the women of Torrance would not have this offer to obtain a club house again. If they will buy or dispose of 250 shares of stock at \$10 per share, two large corporations in Torrance stand ready to purchase a like amount and sell it back to the Woman's club when they are able to buy it back. As soon as possible a mortgage can be placed on the building and dividends paid on the stock. It is purely a business proposition. Every \$10 invested will bring returns. The money is not donated.

Mrs. Toll's Address
Mrs. Toll, president of the Los Angeles district, was introduced. She said that the Woman's club of Torrance had made her very happy, because it gave to her Mrs. Sammons, who was a valuable member of her board; because the members sang "America the Beautiful" at the club meetings; because the club had joined the general federation, and because the Woman's club of Torrance had sent their full biennial quota. She said she liked the forward progressive look which the women of Torrance have today.

Mrs. Toll gave much good advice about building a club house, telling of the experiences of the many clubs with which she has been in contact. She said: "We start with many misgivings, but after awhile we can smile at our fears. Our thoughts are traitors which make us fear the things we would attempt to do. No business man is worth anything until he has been in debt."

Tells of Ebell Club
She told of Ebell club; how it started its home with fear and wavering and not much to begin with. A corporation was formed and a lot purchased for \$10,000; most of the stock was sold to its own members and as rapidly as possible purchased back. In three years' time the money was all paid back and the lot was worth \$20,000. There were to begin with between 200 and 250 members; after the building was started the membership grew by leaps and bounds. "Nothing succeeds like success."

The Glendale Tuesday Morning club went in debt \$100,000 for their building. Since they built their club house the membership has increased to about 1000 and a large portion of the debt is paid off.
"A house is a real need in a community. Young people need joy and happiness and it is cruel not to let them have it. Dances in a club house would keep them from public dance halls. There should be a judicious admixture of play, seriousness and service. A junior auxiliary furnishes an opportunity to help the young people. Do not lose the opportunity. The girls of today are the club women of tomorrow."

Cites Puente Case
In urging the women of Torrance to build their club house early, the speaker cited La Puente, an old, old city of many splendid people. Recently the business men decided that a woman's club was needed there, so they secured a lot, had a building already, and asked the women to organize.

Club women of Torrance are very fortunate to have the best element of manhood to support them in their project. A Woman's club can do a great deal of good for a community. Men can help the women and women can help the men and the young people. It means cleanness and loyal support of the government. There are limitations by meeting in places not your own.

Stresses Opportunity
Mrs. Joseph Evans Coles, past president of the general federation, who has contacted women's clubs all over the United States, has yet to find a club that has failed to meet its financial obligations. Pull together and women can accomplish anything they set out to do. The more worth-while a club is the more popular it will be. Torrance is bound to grow, and desirable membership will grow two or three times what it is now. If the Woman's club go on with their project they will count it one of the finest things they have ever done.

When asked about the biennial, Mrs. Toll stated that it was taking definite form and that the board was getting the necessary machinery in motion. There will be between 6000 and 7000 women from outside California, should delegates from every club in the United States come. All clubwomen is to be present at the opening reception and also at the services on the first Sunday at the Hollywood Bowl.

Mrs. Sammons Speaks
Mrs. Sammons, who was present, was asked to say a few words. She expressed her pleasure at being able to be here again and said how glad she was that the woman's club were contemplating a building of their own. R. R. Smith was introduced and

stated that the Progress club of Torrance was built at the ruins of the last bond election. He very clearly explained the objects and ideals of the organization, which are the highest that can be set forth for the good of the community. He concluded by remarking that he was sure the women had the support of the men in their efforts to have their own building.

Serve Refreshments
The meeting was adjourned for the reception. Delicious home-made cake and tea were served by the hostesses

for the afternoon. Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Verne Zuer, Mrs. Huber and Mrs. Letha Miller.

Tickets are now on sale for the Occidental College Girls' glee club program. 50c for adults and 25c for children. The date is Feb. 26, 7:30 p. m., at the Methodist church.

Since the last club meeting Mrs. Henderson has had the offer of several desirable lots for club house sites.

On February 14 a dainty, well cooked luncheon was served to the members of the executive board, the building committee, and their guests, Mrs. Chas. H. Toll and Mrs. Frank Sammons, at the McKinley Inn. The board regretted the illness of Mrs.

Chas. Stock, who was to have been a guest also.

The table was very pretty with its centerpiece of red carnations and ferns. Hearts and arrows arranged at intervals and red rosebud favors completed the decorations.

MOTHER GOOSE PARTY

Come out to the Methodist church tonight and hear the primary children of the Sunday school give their "Mother Goose" entertainment. No admission will be charged, but an offering will be taken to buy equipment for their department.

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